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The knows she can't king;
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The next thing she'll want to be learning to fly,
And really I need
My birdles to feed

About every minute, the time so goes by." Just then little Fido starts out for a run. Be mw mistress pussy, and then it. O D.FOSTER He saw mistress pussy, and then there was fun!
She scud up the tree
As swift as could be,
For "fear lends her wings" or what does just as

But appetite leaves her, I'm happy to tell. Of birds in the tree

Forgetful is she, While Pido sits thinking 'twere nice if she fell.

I know you're all wishing the birdies may keep All safe and all sound "at the top of the heap." Fide can't climb a tree, So 'tis likely, you see, When he scurries off pussy'll drop to the groun With heart no more bent

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THURSDAY ... DECEMBER 20, 1900

Turtles Escaped-The Game

of Straddle Club.

The crows bothered dear old grandpa

"I believe they laugh at my scare

"Yes, they do; I heard 'em!" Perley

conflagration"-Perley meant congrega

tion-"and laughed out loud-oh, very

loud-'Caw, caw, caw!' If that isn't

their way of saying 'Haw, haw, haw!

But it got to be no smiling matter at

all. Things began to look serious in-

deed out in the corn patch. At last

grandpa hit upon a device. He came

in to breakfast one morning looking

"Got who, David?" dear old grandma

"The crows-every mother's son of

'em! Let 'em dig up my cern rows now

if they want to! I've spread that enor-

mous blue umbrella that the whole

family used to go to meeting under

when I was a boy. I've got it out there

in the middle of my corn patch, look-

ing like a giant mushroom."
"Or a circus tent," put in Perley

gleefully. He had been walking all

around the corn patch in a triumphant

of their mouths now!" he exulted.

"I guess they'll laugh on the inside

But that noon, at dinner time, Perley

came in out of the blazing sunlight

with his little red, moist face drawn

down lengthily. He waited till after grandpa asked the blessing and filled

all the plates. It was hard work to

"break it" to grandpa, but when you

had a thing to do you had better do it

before you began on your mashed po-tatoes and chicken. It was good rea-

soning, and Perley straightened in his

"Grandpa." he said solemnly, "there's

a crow sitting under that umbrella

down in the corn patch. I saw him He looked real cool and comfortable

out of the sun."-A. H. D. in Primary

How the Turtles Escaped.

was given an exhibition of the manner

in which land turtles will flee from ap

proaching danger, says the Lock Ha

ven Democrat. Mr. Eckert has three

turtles on his farm, one bearing the in-

scription "W. C. D., 1875," which let

ters and figures were cut on by a neigh

awhile Mr. Eckert thought of his pets

and went out to see what had become

flames and found a freshly dug hole.

In it he found one of the turtles down

a considerable depth, digging deeper

with more vigor than is usually seen

Mr. Eckert, after walking around,

pushed their heads a little farther out.

as much as to say: "We're all right.

Players stand in two or more lines, one behind another, with the feet apart

in straddle fashion. At a signal the

leaders of the lines each slide an In-

dian club between the feet from the

front toward the rear of the lines. The

last one in each line, when he receives

the club, runs with it to the front,

takes position at the head of the line

and starts it in his turn. The line win

whose leader returns first to the front.

If the club stops on its way to the rear,

the player next whom it stops starts it

again. If the club is allowed to skip

a player, it is counted a foul and must

be returned to the player skipped, who

then starts it. This game can also be

"How Awfully Greedy!"

An Episode,

The kitty cat sat on a post of the fence, And she sighed: "Ob, for wings, so that I might

as I was going to take it myself!"

played with a ball.

they had been burned to death.

in those slow going tortoises.

E.," and a cross mark.

L. T. Eckert of Dunnstable township

procession of his own.

quite satisfied and happy.

"I've got 'em now," he said.

"They got together in a regular

more than ever that year. They were

digging up all the corn

crow." grandpa said.

then I'm mistaken."

Grandpa smiled.

asked.

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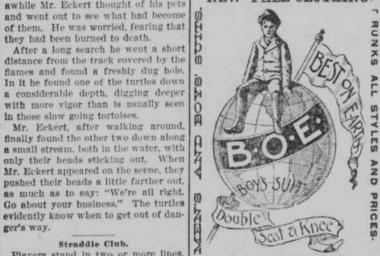
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PLUNDERING IN CHINA.

Dr. Martin Tells How Missionaries Figured In It.

SAYS THEY TOOK NO GUILTY PART.

He Was In Peking During and After the Siege and Describes the Cireumstances Under Which Much of the Property of the Fugitive Chinese Was Appropriated.

Dr. W. A. P. Martin, who was in Peking during and for some weeks after the slege, spoke as follows recently says the New York Sun, regarding sto ries that have come from China accus ing missionaries of having taken part in the looting there:

"In the public mind looting seems t be the synonym of stealing, and such It is, and even worse, when necon panied by violence, but when a city has been taken by force of arms and the population have fied away, leaving the goods in their houses exposed to the first comer, it puts on another

"In the case of Peking more than half the dwellings were abandones Goods of all descriptions were scatter ed over the floors of forsaken houses For at least a fortnight after the ar rival of the army of rescue the soldiers were, with the seeming connivance of their leaders, allowed to run riot in ap propriating whatever they found fit to enrry away.

"Many of them disdained anything less valuable than nuggets of silver Under these circumstances it would not be strange if some native Chris tians and some misionaries did profi by their opportunities. I may as wel begin with the confession that I mysell perpetrated a very flagrant instance of looting. I happened to know of a grain shep, just opposite the new university which had been abandoned, and I proposed to two missionaries to accor pany me, with a view to securing any

grain that was left behind. "We carried away no less than 200 bushels of wheat, which we stored up to supply the wants of our poor Chris tians in the coming winter. Ther was not even a dog on the ground t protect the property, and when I called aloud to the owner to come and re ceive payment for his goods echo wa the only answer. I left word with th missionaries that should the own ever come forward with his claims would pay for them.

"Now, to my certain knowledge th looting charged on many missionarie is not a crime of deeper dye than the of which I confess myself to be guilt; Some of them, with the consent of our authorities, took possession abandoned houses, where they foun shelter for their unhappy converts whose dwellings had been reduced t ashes. Some of them collected quant ties of furs and silks and sold them : auction in order to provide a fund for maintaining destitute Christians.

"Unhesitatingly do I say that any missionary convicted of enriching him self from the spoils of the defente enemy would be a fit subject for h vestigation and reprimand. As for native Christian who might appropri ate such goods left without an owner the case would be entirely different He violates no law and ought there fore to suffer no penalty. Should carry away such articles from an in habited house his act takes on a new complexion and becomes robbery. For that be deserves punishment, though to confess the truth, many soldiers of of all nationalities in the army of rescu were gullty of that very act.

"Those of whose violence I heard most complaints before leaving Peking were the disciplined Chine British leadership, and next after then in the black list come the names of Russians and French. I myself detected one American soldier in attemptin to loot a house which he supposed to be occupied only by Chinese, but where some American missionaries had found refuge. "Now, suppose among many thou

sands of converts some few have been able to profit by the vast quantities of abandoned goods exposed before their eyes. Suppose even that two or three have been tempted, partly by revenge for the destruction of their own prop erty, to selze that of their enemies. It it just that on account of these exceptional cases the far greater multitude who have been left without house or home or means of livelihood, should be refused compensation for their losses? "One morning at the beginning of the slege I saw a forlorn party of na tive Christians pass the gate of the United States legation en route for a place of asylum which had been se cured for them. They had been liter ally raked up out of the ashes of their burned dwellings, and one of their number, trudging along painfully or foot, like her poorest sisters, was an aged woman whose son two years ago was minister plenipotentiary in France H. E. Ching Chang, for ten years one of my own students. Her house had

been burned and many of her family killed. Her ancestors and all of her telatives had been Christians for sever generations. "Now, is it reasonable that this lady should be refused indemnity for her losses even if it should be found that some native Christians have taken care to indemnify themselves? Any diplo macy worthy of the name ought to provide for due investigation prior to the award of indemnity. Claims ought in all cases to be duly attested. Christian communities should be again placed in possession of their paternal acres They should be provided with the means wherewith to rebuild their ruined houses. Otherwise, any so calle settlement that may be arrived at will prove to be a farce and a delusion."

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A Missing Gospel's Pages Being Examined In Strassburg Library. An interesting papyrus is now being examined at the Strassburg library. says a London cable dispatch to the Chicago Inter Ocean. It was purchased in a fragmentary condition from Cairo merchants early in 1899 and has already proved of first importance. Ac cording to German Egyptologists and theological savants, the fragments are pages of a missing gospel which was rejected as uncanonical in the third century, but widely accepted in th second. The papyrus dates from the fifth century, but the character of the Greek words which are textually repro duced proves that the original mant script belongs to the second century An interesting feature is the very close connection apparently existing be tween it and the logia of Christ, the recovery of which three years ago caus ed a sensation. It is suggested that both are practically pages of the same manuscript-viz, the version of the gos

VALUABLE PAPYRI FOUND.

pel according to the Egyptians. As the result of five years' work another fine papyrus roll in a British museum has just been published. It was written between 70 and 80 A. D. and is a collection of folk legends current is Egypt at that time. The hero of the stories is Siosiris, son of Khamuas priest of Memphis. Many of the pas sages suggest that it is an adaptation of the story of Christ as told by hi disciples, and, if so, it is certainly th earliest record known, being less than 20 years after the introduction of Chris tianity into Egypt by St. Mark in 6 A. D. Siosiris was a miraculous child His mother's name was revealed to hi father in a dream, in which the words were spoken to him: "His nam shall be Siosiris, for he shall do many marvels in Egypt."

He is described as being great, bli and strong. He went to school, rivaled the scribe who taught and began to talk to the scribes in the house of life All the land wondered at him, saying "Behold the boy who reached 12 year of age and there was no scribe it Memphis who could equal him in read ing, writing and magic!"

Slosiris takes his father to hades where the cycles in the land of death are described. Here also are many stories of Jewish Christian origin-fo example, the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The doctrine of future pun ishment, not found in Egyptian rituals, is here clearly rlated. Later is an account of a contest between Slesiris and the magicians of Ethiopia, which is strangely reminiscent of the story of Moses. One magician says, "Cast my spell upon Egypt and cause the people to pass three days and nights without seeing light." Another adds, "As a sign thy water shall be the color o blood, the flood shall turn color, and heaven shall be the color of blood." Even the story of Moses and the bulrushes is given. One magician rebukes the other as follows: "Art thou not Hor, the son of Negress, whom I saved in the reeds of Ra?"

MUSKRAT FEAST.

Baltimore Clubmen Pronounce It a Palatable as Terrapin. A "muskrat supper" is the latest gas tronomic innovation at the University club, famed for such wrinkles, says the Baltimore Sun. Periodically an informal supper is held at the club at which

one or more culinary curiosities form

the chief articles of diet, and the other night the muskrat occupied the place of honor at such a supper. The lowly muskrat as an article of dlet was suggested by Professor Powhatan Clarke, but it was noted that some urgent business prevented his attendance at the banquet. Nevertheless under the skillful manipulation of the club steward, John A. Biddle, the muskrat was declared by those presen to be a most toothsome delicacy, al

famous bird, the diamond back terra pin, and much superior to the swifter, not to say more beautiful, rabbit. The festive board was ornamente with whole muskrats enveloped in hard aspic jelly, with tail rampant, with fish in mouth and with tusk and whiskers in plain view. As a spur to the appe tite they were declared a success Steward Biddle had the famous animal prepared in three styles, the Maryland or Eastern Shore style, in which stewed in his own gravy; the Virginia style, split and broiled whole, like a chicken, and the New Jersey style, in

which he is roasted whole. Germany Cannot Feed Itself. An article in the official Reichsan zeiger of Berlin, based on the official tatistics of the German empire, con vincingly proves that German agricul ture is incapable of meeting the hom onsumption of corn, meat etc., and that 29.6 per cent of wheat, 8.1 per cent of rye, 30.9 per cent of barley and 6.2 of oats must be imported into Germany for that purpose, as well as one twentieth part of the meat required in Germany. Moreover, nearly five pounds of lard and tallow per head have been imported during each of the last five years. All this shows that the state of German agriculture is far from being satisfactory.

Old Masonic Emblems Found. At the annual meeting of Acacia lodge of Freemasons the other night in Green wich, Conn., Frederick Mead of Nev York presented to the lodge two pillars of mahogany, lulaid with Masonic emblems in oak, which are a century and a quarter old, says the New York Times. They are hand carved and were in use in Union lodge at Greenwich in That lodge is now in existence in Stamford. The pillars are 18 inches high and were found recently in th rafters in the attic in the Israel Putnumerous to mention. nam cottage by a carpenter looking for leaks. Mrs. Mead consented to let Acacla lodge have them.

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